

## **Miller, Walker, and Salmon Basin Plan Project Management Team Meeting**

Date: Thursday March 25, 2004

Time: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: City of Burien City Manager's Conference Room

### **Meeting Summary**

#### ***Attendees***

Dan Bath	City of Burien
Bruce Bennett	King County
Steve Bennett	City of Normandy Park
Bob Duffner	Port of Seattle
Dale Schroeder	City of SeaTac
Curt Crawford	King County
Roger Kuykendall	Gray & Osborne (for the City of Normandy Park)
Mehrdad Moini	WSDOT
Julie Cairn	King County

#### ***Meeting Summary Approval***

The 2/20/04 PMT/Executive Meeting Summary and the 2/26/04 PMT Meeting Summaries were approved with corrections. Edits will be incorporated and these documents will be posted to the Web site.

#### ***Public Meeting Discussion***

Overall, the PMT felt both meetings were successful. There were 15-20 people at the Salmon meeting and roughly 60 at the Miller and Walker meeting (including Project Team members and staff).

The most difficult issue at the Miller/Walker meeting was the discussion about the estuary and any related improvements that might be recommended. People are very passionate about the estuary issue and private property rights based on past discussions and interactions.

Participants at both meetings expressed interest in having a greater level of public involvement, and went as far as to suggest that citizens should be members of the Project Management Team.

The PMT discussed this issue extensively, including how best citizens could participate (PMT involvement directly, through created citizens advisory groups, or through additional public meetings). At each of the public meetings, Bruce Bennett explained that the Basin Plans would have to go through formal adoption processes at each of the

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jurisdictions, and those would likely include additional opportunities for public comment. Additionally, the Plans themselves would be released for public comments.

Along with the mechanisms for involvement mentioned above, the PMT discussed the project schedule and budget and the potential impacts enhanced public involvement might have on them both. Public involvement is outside the scope of the existing ILA. The PMT has authorized the use of contingency funds specifically to cover the cost of preparations for the two rounds of public meetings. There are some contingency funds still available, but they may be needed for other work, and they would probably not be sufficient to address the addition of enhanced public involvement. The PMT concluded this would likely require another Amendment to the Inter Local Agreement and cause delays in the project momentum and in the overall project schedule.

Based on all of these issues and the overall positive response at the public meetings, the PMT decided against having additional public involvement at this time. They agreed to consider it in the future, and each PMT member was asked to relay this issue, discussion, and resolution to their Executive Committee representative.

At the Salmon Public Meeting, a few local citizens offered to take PMT staff on a field trip. They were specifically interested in issues pertaining to Lake Garrett/Lake Hicks, and they wanted to share information based on their experience in the upper basin. Bruce will be contacting the property owner to set up the field trip. Staff from King County and Burien have expressed interest in attending.

Notes containing the comments received at each public meeting have been drafted. Bruce will be sending these on to the PMT for their review in the next week or two.

### ***Project Feasibility Discussion***

The PMT had extensive discussions about what level of certainty was appropriate to have on any given project in order for it to be included in the report. The PMT also discussed and clarified the scope/tone of the report that would be produced for adoption by the agencies. The PMT clarified that the resulting basin plan reports would contain the level of detail that has been done to date on the projects, and that assumptions and uncertainties would be documented in the reports, as well as an estimate of implementability if there are concerns. These are planning level reports. Preliminary engineering work has been done for the projects included in the plan, but not detailed design work. The current project scope did not include detailed design work.

The PMT was most concerned about the Miller Creek Regional Detention Facility expansion project scope and estimated cost.

Bob Duffner brought up the safety and bird strike issue related to possible RDF expansion. There is concern that the identified scope may not be permissible because of FAA related issues. The Des Moines Creek RDF is an example of a project that was similar initially, but that was significantly different and more costly in the end in order to meet the mitigation issues of the FAA and Ecology.

The PMT feels that these same requirements would likely be imposed on a Miller Creek RDF expansion project. Based on this discussion, the PMT requested that Bruce contact

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FAA and Ecology representative to come to an upcoming PMT meeting and discuss this issue. Bob Duffner will be providing contact information for staff at the Port, FAA and USDA that would be appropriate to discuss this issue. Bruce will coordinate their attendance for an upcoming meeting.

### ***Upcoming PMT Meetings***

Upcoming PMT meetings were scheduled for each Thursday morning in April (1, 7, 15, 22, and 29). If there are not any issues to be discussed, the meeting will be cancelled. Julie will work with Valerie to schedule the meeting locations.

### ***Basin Plan Reviews***

Bruce is getting additional information from technical team staff. He has incorporated comments he has received from PMT members to date, which have been limited.

He will be sending out revised Drafts for review in the next few weeks. PMT member feedback on the second drafts will be needed.